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PAY-AS-YOU-GO TAX BILL SEEMS READY FOR PASSAGE; EXPECT PRESIDENT TO SIGN

Following are the main provisions of the new tax collection system, which are provided in the compromise pay-as-you-go bill; which is expected to become law and be put into operation July 1st.

1. Wage and salary earners—employers are required to withhold 20 per cent (17 income and 3 victory) from pay envelopes and salary checks, after specified exemptions reflecting family status, effective July 1. Exemptions are \$624 yearly for single persons, \$1248 for married persons, plus \$312 for each dependent.

(No withholding on pay of members of armed forces, ministers of the gospel, farm workers, domestic servants, casual workers, foreign services or services of non-resident aliens.)

2. Persons with income other than wages and salaries—henceforward (except for special 1943 provisions) such persons (including those receiving income from business, professions, rents and royalties, interest, and dividends, and persons with wages and salaries above the withholding level) are required to file an estimate by March 15 on the current taxable year's income and they would pay their taxes in four equal installments, the first falling due March 15, with the subsequent payments due on June 15, September 15 and December 15. However, the taxpayer may pay his estimated tax in advance, if he desires.

ESTIMATES OF TAX

The estimate may be revised at the election of the taxpayer, with the remaining installments in a year to be either increased or decreased to reflect the change in the estimate.

(Wage and salary earners with more than \$3700 annual income if single and married persons with more than \$3500 required to estimate their liability above withholding level and pay quarterly.)

3. Farmers—A special rule applies. Such individuals may file a declaration of the estimated tax at any time on or before December 15 of the taxable year, and pay the estimated tax due.

4. Final Returns—This will be filed by all taxpayers, as at present, on or before the 15th day of the third month following the close of the taxable year. On this return adjustments will be made for differences between the estimated or withheld tax, and the correct tax reported by the taxpayer.

5. Special Rule for 1943—Since most taxpayers already have filed their 1942 returns, their March 15 and June 15 payments will be treated as payments in respect of their 1943 tax liability. Taxpayers required to file declarations of their estimated tax will make their first declaration in September 15, but an amended declaration may be filed on December 15. A farmer may make his declaration of estimated 1943 tax before December 15 and pay the amount due.

UNABATED TAXES

6. Unabated taxes—Persons with a tax liability over \$50 for both 1942 and 1943 will have 75 per cent of their obligation abated for the year—1942 or 1943—in which they have the smaller taxable income. The 25 per cent remaining to be paid will fall due, half on March 15, 1944, and half March 15, 1945.

A six per cent interest penalty applies if any taxpayer's estimate is more than 20 per cent (33 1/3 per cent in case of farmers) under actual income.

Each person may compute the amount to be withheld from his wage or salary by taking 20 per cent of the excess of his pay over family status withholding exemptions as follows:

Single person—\$12 weekly, \$24 bi-weekly, \$26 semi-monthly, \$52 monthly, \$156 quarterly, \$312 semi-annually, \$624 annually. Thus a single person making \$50 weekly would deduct \$12 from \$50 and multiply the remaining \$38 by 20 per cent, arriving at \$7.60 to be deducted weekly.

Married Persons—\$24 weekly, \$48 bi-weekly, \$52 semi-monthly, \$104 monthly, \$312 quarterly, \$624 semi-annually, and \$1248 annually.

Thus a married person making \$50 weekly would deduct \$24 from \$50 and multiply the remaining \$26 by 20 per cent, arriving at \$5.20 to be deducted weekly.

OTHER DEPENDENTS

Dependents—(other than wife) \$6 weekly, \$12 bi-weekly, \$13 semi-monthly, \$26 monthly, \$78 quarterly, 156 semi-annually, and \$312 annually. Thus a married person with one child, making \$50 weekly would deduct \$30 (\$24 plus \$6) from \$50 and multiply the remaining \$20 by 20 per cent, arriving at \$4 to be deducted.

Henceforward, persons without income large enough to come under the income tax but affected by the Victory tax will have a 3 per cent deduction after July 1 on earnings above \$12 weekly, instead of 5 per cent as at present.

Employers will collect the 20 per cent withholding levy as they previously have handled the Victory tax. Ultimate responsibility for correct returns, however, rests with the employee. Special tables are provided in the bill whereby an employer, advised of an employee's family status, may quickly ascertain the amount to be deducted from a wage envelope or salary check.

The withholding levy is not an additional tax but provides machinery for weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly or monthly deductions from earnings for current payment of taxes as now written in the statute books.

The first pay roll deduction under the proposed pay-as-you-go income tax plan will be made from wages for the first pay period beginning on and after July 1 according to the report of the Senate-House tax conferees.

A last-minute change agreed to by the conferees provides that pay roll deductions "shall not be applicable to wages paid during the calendar year 1943 with respect to a pay roll period beginning before July 1. Earlier, the conferees had planned that the new tax collection system would apply to the first pay period ending on or after that date.

With this exception, the conference report remains unchanged from the previously announced agreement.

The compromise bill was slated for House action Tuesday. If adopted by the House early Senate action is expected. Even if the bill experiences delay in either house, Senate Finance Chairman Walter F. George (D., Ga.) expects all legislative action on pay-as-you-go taxes will be completed the first or second week in June.

The Treasury and the Internal Revenue Commissioner already have made plans to put collection at source income taxes into effect July 1. The new tax plan is expected to yield about \$3,000,000,000 more than the present system in a year of operation.

Chairman Walter F. George, D., Ga., of the Senate Finance Committee, who first proposed the 75 per cent forgiveness plan, said he saw no reason why President Roosevelt would veto the conference committee compromise. Mr. Roosevelt has expressed his disapproval of the flat cancellation principle.

"I don't know what Mr. Roosevelt will do," George said, "but I can see no reason why he would not sign it. The need for pay-as-you-go legislation is imperative and I believe the President recognizes that."

We are burdened down by a vast baggage of outworn traditions and folkways coming to us from the remote past. . . . Few men ever grow up mentally. They plod along on ideas and convictions acquired in childhood from historical baggage and never question these "fundamental verities."—JAMES HARRY ROBINSON.

LABOR SEES DIRE NEED FOR PLANS AFTER WAR

(AFL MONTHLY SURVEY)

Workers know that a great emergency awaits them at the end of the war when 20 to 30 million persons must change from the army and war industry to peacetime jobs. Protection by unions will be essential then for every worker, to save wage standards, protect job status and help in finding new jobs. Action by unions now is equally vital, both to prepare for post-war at home, and to be ready for our part in the international conferences which will create a new world when the war ends.

At home, our number one objective is to assure passage of the social security bill now before Congress, so that insurance funds may be ready to pay unemployment and disability benefits to workers and former soldiers in the post-war job shift. This is the only way we can be sure of meeting the emergency with security and self respect.

Secondly, we must begin planning now for jobs for all. If unions and industries plan jointly for production and unemployment, we shall be harnessing our experience, resources and influence to constructive action that can clear away difficulties and have things ready to move.

In addition to national post war problems the Federation's Post War Committee is studying world problems that cause war, to discover what agencies and machinery can help to solve them without wars. Unless labor participates in the international conferences dealing with these problems, there can be no satisfactory way of deciding the basic human and economic questions which will breed future wars.

Laborers 272 Pick Officers; Incumbents Win

Laborers Union 272 of Salinas held election of officers last week with most incumbents being returned to office. Two new labor council delegates were selected.

The slate of new officers is as follows:
President—Randolph Fenchel.
Vice President—J. Pestick.
Secretary—J. F. Mattos.
Business Manager—J. B. McGinley.

Executive Board—A. C. Bell, F. H. Sprague, L. H. Bartelbaugh, Lee Blakeman, Gene Wells, A. Martin.

Labor Council delegates—McGinley, Bell, Mattos, Martin. Building Trades Council delegates—McGinley, Bell, Blakeman, Bartelbaugh.

Northern Council delegates—Fenchel, Mattos, McGinley.

Nazis Worried About Problem Of More Labor

The Nazi total mobilization scheme is not working out satisfactorily, since "there are neither enough jobs nor enough machines and raw materials to occupy all the mobilized manpower rationally and usefully," according to an article in the Swiss newspaper Basler Nationalzeitung which was reported to the OWI.

The Swiss newspaper said that men sent to German armament factories were in many cases unfit for the work and that they were "often forced to carry out purely dilatory and sometimes directly inexpedient work."

It is easy enough to forgive your enemies if you have not the means to harm them. — HEINRICH HEINE.

TICE DIMOUT BALLAST WINS STATE BACKING

The Tice Dimout Ballast, a Monterey product of Tice Electric Co., has won official approval and certification from the State Department of Motor Vehicles. This ballast, which converts headlights to the reduced brilliancy for dimout area driving, can be installed at the factory, 500 Del Monte Ave.

The letter of approval from the Department of Motor Vehicles, signed by E. Raymond Cato, highway patrol chief, and Gordon H. Garland, department director, is as follows:

"In Re: Tice Dimout Ballast, (Resistor for Headlamp Beam Intensity Control) Automotive Type Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4."

"Pursuant to Section 645 of the Vehicle Code and the resolution adopted by the Ninth Regional Civilian Defense Board on December 10, 1942, the following described equipment has been tested and it is hereby certified that it complies with the requirement of Public Proclamation No. 10, as amended by Public Proclamation No. 12, Headquarters, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, provided it is installed and used in accordance with the following specifications:

"1. The device shall be constructed, marked and shall have the same performance characteristics as reported in Report of Test of Motor Vehicle Lighting Device, Test No. 1357, dated January 25, 1943 and referred to in our letter of February 2, 1943.

"2. The proper selection of resistance and installation of each device shall be the responsibility of the vehicle operator.

"3. The installation of the device shall not interfere with the use of the motor vehicle headlights under normal conditions outside of restricted areas for motor vehicle lights.

"4. Printed instructions for installation shall be furnished with each device.

"5. This approval shall be subject to any change or cancellations that may be required by reason of military necessity."

In Union Circles SALINAS

Concrete pouring on the highway project between Salinas and Santa Maria (Highway 101) has been started. The job is progressing well.

Welcome back to Lou Koch. It's good to know that labor's staunchest supporters such as Lou return home when they can.

Labor council elections are in July. Delegates should make their plans now, pick their candidates, attend meetings, and elect the best men for the jobs.

George Harter and W. G. Kenyon were the Salinas labor council selections for the War Labor Board panel here.

Teamsters' Union 287 are moving the Salinas office out of the labor temple shortly to larger quarters.

Koch Returns; Again Is B.A. For Carpenters

Lou Koch, popular business representative for Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas, returned from the Army last week, having been honorably discharged as over age.

Bro. Koch was certified again as business agent for the union, replacing George Harter, who has filled in at the post during Koch's leave of absence.

Local 925 will hold its annual elections this month.

I've learned, after a half century in the courts, that the best way to be heard when everyone gets noisy is to lower one's voice instead of trying to shout out the others.—CLARENCE DARROW.

WHAT THE UNIONS REPORT

Salinas, California
BARBERS — No meeting.

CARPENTERS — Routine meeting, one initiation, three clearances; Lou Koch certified to business agent post again, having returned from his leave of absence to go into the service.

LABORERS — Routine business, elected officers, will have new labor council delegates.

ELECTRICIANS — No meeting.

ALONG CANNERY ROW (AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

WAAC'S, WAVES, Marines take notice; The Can Opener hears that two of our girls are contemplating joining the Convent in Carmel.

The Negotiating committee must be doing pretty well—The Cannery has already called in a Conciliator. Keep up the good work, Gang.

Brother John M. Bennett, watchman at Hovdens, is scheduled for an operation in the near future—Best of Luck, John, from the Can Opener.

We have decided that the grin Brother Best has been wearing lately is caused by the money fish he let get away.

And while we are talking about the Bests, Brother Earnest Lee Best, now a sergeant, is home on leave. He has been kept quite busy trying to get around to see all of his many friends.

Sister Myrtle Heidinger had some bad luck this week. Her house burned.

We understand that Brother Martin is having a little trouble with his telephone numbers.

Brother Charles Nonella was in with some of his old school pictures and it just caused us to think that after all people don't change so much with the years—or do they?? No offense to Freddie Moore or Yok Yee.

We wonder how brother Frank Jackson is going to come out on his Victory Garden. What with the high cost of labor and garden hose!

Ask "Pinky" Fisher how to get a sixty-foot dryer into a forty-foot room. A real feat of engineering!

Brother Bicknell advises that Del Mar has completed the concrete work on their new tank—"Thank the Lord." (No irreverence intended) Amen.

Dorothy Carroll knows so much about Arkansas we wonder where she came from.

And now for the dance: In spite of all the predictions to the contrary we had a swell dance and if no one else had a good time Morgan King did. In fact we could stand some more of the same most often.

We can't stop on thirteen ITEMS. Therefore we now dedicate this item to the Dance Cop George Davolis for his guiding hand in keeping us happy and out of trouble at the same time—Even if he is a Cow-boy.

McGinley Reports Ration Board Duty

J. B. McGinley, labor council vice president, gave an interesting and detailed account of his activity on the Salinas ration board at last week's council meeting.

McGinley, business agent of Laborers 272, was named on the price panel of the OPA board, and told of plans for rent control and other activities.

Salinas C. of C. Launches Quiz On Jap Movement

Questionnaires were sent to each union and the labor council in Salinas last week from the Salinas Chamber of Commerce asking opinions on the Japanese situation.

The Labor Council urged unions to send in the answered questionnaires at once, that a well rounded picture may be secured in the study. The questionnaires are as follows:

"California Chambers of Commerce have been asked to check the opinions of their community with regard to proposals that Japanese be permitted to return to the military areas of the Pacific Coast. Kindly check the following questions 'yes' or 'no' and return immediately to the Salinas Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 1170, Salinas, California:

"1. Do you believe it desirable that Japanese who are considered loyal to the United States be permitted to return to Pacific Coast states during the war?

"2. Does the opinion expressed in answer to question No. 1 represent the attitude of your family and those associated with you?

"3. Is there any probability that return of Japanese would jeopardize their personal safety?

"4. Would return, in your opinion, involve dangers to our war operations?

"5. Would their return cause resentment which would interrupt war production?

"6. Is it desired that Japanese be permitted to return so that their labor may be utilized for: (a) agriculture; (b) industry.

"How many persons does this vote definitely represent?"

LOCAL 483 SPEAKS (Bartenders, Hotel & Restaurant Employees No. 483)

DID YOU KNOW—?

That during May we had nine initiations, three withdrawals, one reinstatement?

That George Marelli was released from the Army and now is in defense work?

That Jimmy Brown is nursing a deep gash in his hand? He was playing with the secretary's parrot!

That a good meeting was held May 17, and almost every bartender was present? (Of course, every one was off, with the closing on Mondays.)

That Crystal Joerns is some torch singer? She can sure sing "Chiselin' Daddy." (No wonder her husband is somewhere in Africa!)

That Nellie White is still trucking vegetables?

That Arend Smith is going to resign as our president? It's much to his regret—he's gone into an essential occupation now.

That we want all kinds of help for our line?

—IMA WATCHIN

Monterey BTC Jobs Continue

Work has continued to be good in the Monterey area, with a new project—the Ord Village school—about to get started.

Workers are needed for some jobs, mainly plasterers for housing construction.

Carpenters 1323 Await Elections

Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey will hold elections shortly, Business Agent Dale Ward reports.

Two withdrawals at last meeting were features. Business was routine.

Have you donated blood?

Teamster Locals Confronted With Vital Problems

Santa Barbara, California.

Delegates from Teamster locals all over the West are on their way today to attend the sessions of one of the most important conventions of the Western Conference of Teamsters. The gathering is slated to get under way here officially next Sunday, June 6, although tomorrow (Saturday) will be a busy one for those in charge of registering delegates at the Barbara Hotel, which also will serve as information headquarters.

Featured speakers at the Conference gathering will include Dave Beck, international vice-president of the Teamsters, and Judge Joseph Padway, general counsel for the organization. At

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Exigencies of war have developed many critical problems for Teamster delegates and officials to solve at this gathering and the sessions are expected to take up the questions of truck and rubber conservation, increasing shortage of manpower to handle deliveries, etc. Problems affecting the many divisions of the Teamster organization—warehouse, beverage, storage, dairy, laundry, bakery, automotive, and general trucking—are on the agenda for discussion.

To conclude the Conference, delegates will enjoy a banquet Friday, June 11, at the famous El Paseo, where dinners are served in a patio under the stars. The beautiful Spanish construction of this restaurant and the high quality food served have won for the El Paseo an international reputation.

Following is the detailed agenda tentatively issued by the committee of arrangements:

REGIONAL BOARD GATHERING DATA TO ARRANGE FOR PAY ADJUSTMENT

Regional War Labor Boards are starting to collect data on wage brackets for their regions in accordance with the directive issued recently by Stabilization Director Byrnes restoring to the WLB certain of the powers it had lost under the President's hold-the-line order.

In a clarifying directive, following weeks of conferences at which WLB members insisted to Byrnes that the April 8 order was unworkable, Byrnes restored to the Board its authority to adjust wages if "gross inequities" are involved, or if necessary for the "effective prosecution of the war."

As a result of the Byrnes directive, the Board regains its power as a judicial body, able once more to decide cases before it on the basis of their merits.

Byrnes said that his directive does three things: (1) reaffirms the Little Steel formula; (2) upholds the Board's authority to make wage adjustments under the hold-the-line order if such adjustments are within the existing price structure and existing levels of production costs; (3) makes clear that wage adjustments which may increase price ceilings or production costs cannot become effective until approved by the Stabilization Director.

Saturday, June 5

All day registration of delegates.

Sunday, June 6

Pre-Conference meetings.

All day registration of delegates.

10:30 a.m. Trade Div. Chairman and Secretaries and Policy Committee.

11:00 a.m. Newspaper Drivers.

2:30 p.m. 1st Caucus Warehouse, Produce, and Cold Storage.

2:30 p.m. 1st Caucus Beverage Division.

2:30 p.m. Promotional, Publicity, Statistics, Pub. Relations, Ray Lehenay, Chairman.

7:30 p.m. 1st Caucus Highway Council.

Monday, June 7

9:30 a.m. 1st Caucus Dairy Council, Chauffeurs.

2:30 p.m. Laundry and Dry Cleaning.

2:30 p.m. 1st Caucus Automotive Division.

7:30 p.m. 2nd Caucus Highway Council.



DAVE BECK
International Vice-President



A. C. FROWISS
President, Teamsters 186

Tuesday, June 8

9:30 a.m. Miscellaneous drivers.

9:30 a.m. All day session Attorneys and Legislative Representatives Auspice Legal Branch of Western Conference of Teamsters, Biltmore Hotel.

10:30 a.m. Building Construction.

1:00 p.m. Bakery Division.

3:00 p.m. 2nd Caucus Dairy Council.

7:30 p.m. 2nd Caucus Automotive Division.

Wednesday, June 9

9:30 a.m. 2nd Caucus Beverage Division.

10:00 a.m. 2nd Caucus Warehouse, Produce, and Cold Storage.

10:00 a.m. General Trucking.

1:30 p.m. First Conference Session—Veteran's Memorial Bldg., Cabrillo Blvd., Al Frowiss, Temp. Chairman.

7:30 p.m. All delegates must be in attendance for Report of Legal Division. Principal Speaker Judge Padway, General Counsel for International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Warehousemen, and Helpers of America.

Thursday, June 10

2nd Conference Session.

Friday, June 11

3rd Conference Session and Banquet at El Paseo.

"War Effort"

To war workers living in trailers and shacks, we bring this comfort as lyricized in an advertisement of Hampshire House, a flossy New York habitation:

"... We will continue co-operating in the war effort while maintaining a standard of service and cheerful surroundings for those who need a relaxing environment during these trying times:
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"Double rooms from \$10 a day."

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LET 'EM STEW IN OWN JUICE

There is a tendency continually manifesting itself in both written and spoken utterances to both plan and plot all sorts of good things for defeated and crushed nazis and fascists, if they will only give up the war and let the United Nations step in to take possession of defeated axis countries.

Why all this sentimental tommyrot? Have people forgotten the attitude of these same axis peoples, when they thought they were riding on the top of the earth, hopped up with the idea that only a short blitz war ahead was all that was required to put an end for all time to come to democracy and independent governments on this earth.

How hard do people occupying free, democratic countries have to be smashed in the nose to get it into their heads that the only language an axis worshiper understands in a genuine and thorough going licking? That applies to the Japs and the Germans with equal force and just because the Italians now seem to be on the verge of collapse it does not follow that at heart they are a whit better or different than when they plunged into the war. If they were still lording over anything they would be just as arrogant as their partners in international crime still are.

"But," say these soft-spoken whisperers, "Italy is about ready to quit the war." Let us be good to her people and they will revolt against Mussolini and quit the war."

If Italy is about ready to quit the war it is because she is so close to knocked out that she could only make a ridiculous showing from now on by continuing. After all there comes a time when a country, experiencing nothing but defeats, gets enough of that kind of a war. Already Italy has lost her American Empire completely. During the next few months she is apt as not to lose everything else but the bootleg, which is known as Italy. Then what will she have left to fight for? Absolutely nothing.

Neither Mussolini, nor anybody else will be able to induce the Italian people to continue in the war, after they have lost everything. They will just naturally quit. If they could save something by swinging to our side they would doubtless do that, so long as we would do the fighting for them, for it must be evident that defeated and licked Italy today is no asset or help to anybody, not even to the nazis, whose weak sister Italy is still supposed to be.

This war has resolved itself into a conflict in which the United Nations are demanding "unconditional surrender," from any enemy nation that wants peace, as the sole condition on which our offensives against them will cease. This ultimatum has the approval of the vast majority of the people, who are fighting this war against the axis powers, and there certainly is no good reason for deviating from this policy.

Simply because somebody is getting licked and are now casting about to save something from the ruin they brought on themselves, when they joined up with Nazi Germany in her mad scheme of world conquest, world pillage, ruthless murder and overpowering by military might weaker neighboring countries is the poorest reason under the sun for us to cater to such collapsing nations now.

"But what will we do if Italy should quit the war?" ask these busybody know-it-alls. "Is it not our duty to provide for the poor people, who never wanted this war?"

No, that is not our duty at all. What is more if we are so credulous as to listen to such pleas and undertake to look after defeated Italy in case she quits, we can rest assured that the fascists, who did approve of this war against us, and who wanted to enter it, and who would continue it now if they thought it could be won, would be in the front lines of the flippopers, who would rush up to receive our gifts. They, not the poor Italians, who never wanted this war, would be the ones to get the lion's share of all that we might give them.

Then what should we do, if Italy quits the war? Let her stew in her own juice, of course. That is the only sensible course to follow as long as we still have the Germans and the Japs to whip.

What if it should lead to revolution in Italy? Why should we worry about what it leads to in Italy? Let Italy and her people sweat that one out between themselves. Let us keep out of that mess. We don't owe Italy anything. That country is still at war with us, which they declared on us, not us on them.

What concerns us is not what happens to Italy, in case she is knocked out of the war, but to complete the knocking out of the Germans and the Japs just as soon as it becomes humanly possible to accomplish those objectives.

Instead of planning on sending food to Italy when she is licked let us send what spare food we may have to China, Russia and Great Britain, all of whom are helping us to win the war against the axis. Our allies need all the food and supplies we can send them, not only as long as this war lasts, but for a long time afterwards. Next come the countries overrun by the aggressors, when they are freed from their enslavers.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

IT COULD BE
A laugh from the Associated Press story which read:
"Wildwood, N. J.—Mrs. William Anderson gave birth to her 18th child yesterday. Mrs. Anderson is 39. Her husband is 47. Sixteen of the children are living, two of them married. Ten are attending school.
"Mr. Anderson is an interior decorator."

LET'S JOIN THE ARMY!
A United Press dispatch from London says the following order has been issued to an army unit:
"Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Territorial Service will show their pink forms whenever called upon to do so."

PATER SAFER BET
She: "If you try to kiss me, I'll call my mother."
He: "What's the matter with your father?"
She: "Oh, he isn't as deaf as mother is."

UNEXPECTED TRAGEDY
"Rastus, what makes dis bump on yo' haid?"
"Ah tell you, Liza. Ah's got dan-druff an' dey tol' me to put toilet water on ma haid, an' fust thing ah know'd dat ol' seat flop down on me."

A LITTLE DOPE
Mistress: "You say your baby's name is Opium? What an odd name. You know opium is a product of the wild poppy, don't you?"
Mandy: "Yassum, an' if dey evah wuzz a chile had a wild poppy, she's got one."

ALREADY DECEASED
St. Peter was interviewing the fair damsel at the pearly gate. "Did you, while on earth, indulge in necking, petting, smoking or dancing?"
"Never," she retorted, emphatically.

"Then, why haven't you reported sooner?" said St. Peter. "You've been dead a long time."

POST-IMPRESSIONISTIC
"Well, I certainly made a good impression on her," said the cane-bottomed chair as the artist's model stood up.

BADLY RUN DOWN
"What's the matter with Tom? He looks terribly emaciated."
Harry—"Oh, he's suffering from high blood pressure."

THE SNOOTY CANINE
Two dogs were in conversation and one said to the other:
"Here comes that Jones dog with the cold nose. Let's sit down until he goes by."

EXPERIENCED DAME
He: How about taking a little ride in the country?
She: Not tonight. I'm too tired. Let's run out of gas' right here in town.

COVER UP, OLD MAN
The Chinaman complained "Belly chilly this morning, belly chilly."
To which his hearer replied: "Then why don't you tuck in your shirttail?"

COMMON OCCURRENCE
Judge: "Tell me, young man, just how did this accident occur?"
Motorist: "Well, your honor, I had dimmed my lights and was hugging the curve."
Judge: "That's how most accidents happen. Five dollars, please."

BROTHERHOOD

By EDWARD MARKHAM
The crest and crown of all good, Life's final star is brotherhood: For it will bring again to earth Her long-lost peace and mirth.

"Twill shed new light on every face And a kindly crown upon the race; Until it comes we men are slaves Who travel downward to early graves.

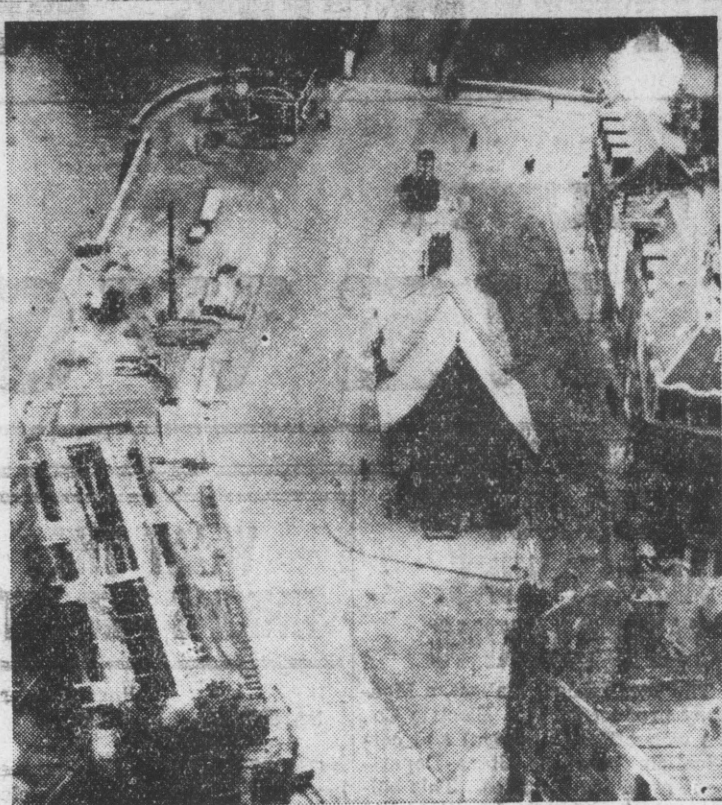
Come clear the way, then, clear the way; Blind creeds and kings have had their day. Break the dead branches from the path; Our hope is in the aftermath.

Our hope is in heroic men, Star-led to build the world again. To this end the ages ran. Make way for brotherhood, make way for man.

Mrs. Roosevelt Flays 'Pluck-Me' Store Run By Coal Mine Barons

Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has added her voice to a chorus of condemnation of the "pluck-me" stores maintained by coal mine operators.
She said they are altogether "bad," pointing out they keep employees constantly in debt, and contending that a worker with debt hanging over his head is not a free man.

Books



Zero feet, near zero hour. Low-flying aircraft took this reconnaissance photograph of Dieppe, 36 hours before the operation began. A German sentry is at the bridgehead.

From "Combined Operations: The Official Story of the Commandos" (Macmillan)

COMBINED OPERATIONS, The Official Story of the Commandos, by Hilary A. St. George Saunders, foreword by Vice-Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, published by The Macmillan Company, 155 pages, profusely illustrated, \$2.00.

The Commandos! Every true American thrills at that name, and every American will thrill at the new book, "Combined Operations," the Official Story of the Commandos.

Here is a true story of fighting men, of heartaches and death, of bravery and action—and it's the authentic tale as sanctioned for publication by the Royal government.

Briefly, "Combined Operations" tells the history and the exploits at Dieppe, St. Nazaire and other Nazi strongholds which will live on the tongues of free people forever.

It's not just a resume of the operations, but a humane story of the men themselves, their innermost thoughts as death stalks them, and they stalk the enemy. You'll live every second of the daring raids; your heart will ache at the brave smiles of the men as they go to their almost certain death.

For obvious reasons some details must be left out, but this doesn't affect the story. The all-too-short tale is enough to keep a reader in heroic nightmares for months.

Official British photographs of the operations of the Commandos and detailed maps make the book the most interesting. This writer



HILARY A. ST. GEORGE SAUNDERS Author of "Combined Operations," "Coastal Command," etc. (Macmillan)

spent hours poring over the maps and examining the many pictures.

Author Saunders didn't attempt to establish a hero in the book—every one of the Commandos is a hero. Saunders in the British Air Ministry and his chief duty is that of preparing official documents such as this for the records. He knows what he is writing.

No wonder the Book-of-the-Month Club grabbed this story as its June release. Macmillan is to be congratulated for its timely presentation. It's a MUST on every reader's list.

—W. B. PEDIGO.



A Royal Marines storming party leaps ashore from its landing craft under cover of a smoke screen.

From "Combined Operations: The Official Story of the Commandos"

REPORT VIOLATIONS OF PRICE CEILINGS TO YOUR UNIONS!

Price ceilings and rollbacks proposed by the OPA represent an effort to stop the rise in living costs, although not a significant price rollback.

The dollar and cents meat price ceilings mark an important change from OPA's previous policy. They give labor a new chance to hold the price line for its own members. The OPA orders require posting of prices in all stores so that everyone may be sure he is not being over-charged, and official price lists have been published in newspapers in every city. MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR WIFE EACH HAVE ONE. TAKE IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU SHOP. EACH UNION FAMILY CAN THUS DO A REAL JOB IN STOPPING PRICE RISES BY REFUSING TO BUY ABOVE THE OFFICIAL PRICE AND REPORTING ALL VIOLATIONS. We must protect ourselves on the price front.

Price violations found by members' wives should be reported AT ONCE to the union price committee, and by the committee to the local OPA price panel. Every local union should set up a price committee for this purpose. Members may also report to Central Labor Union price committees. In reporting a violation, note that goods must be BOUGHT at a price above the ceiling.

Radio Barons Stop Labor's Organizing Over the Air

New York City.

The National Association of Broadcasters, including virtually all big-time radio stations, plans to bar any group — particularly labor and consumer organizations — from using radio as a means of organizing. Variety, national theatrical magazine, disclosed here.

In an editorial which attacked the broadcasters' decision, "Variety" made public a resolution adopted by the NAB at a Chicago meeting held the last week in April. The resolution, an addition to the already stiff broadcasters' code which now bars most union programs on the ground they are "controversial," read:

"Solicitations of memberships in organizations, except where such memberships are incidental to the rendering of commercial services, such as an insurance plan either in respect to casualty to life or property, or for membership in the American Red Cross or like organizations engaged in charitable work, are deemed to be unacceptable under the basic theory of the Code and therefore time should be neither given nor sold for this purpose."

SOAP OPERAS O. K.

"Implications of that amendment are ominous," "Variety" said. "The master minds of the NAB have . . . served notice on the American people that our broadcasting system is no longer open to any form of solicitation unless it involves something like the transfer of a can of soup or a cake of soap across the counter . . . The amendment puts the thumb on organizations that have become the basic fabric of the economic and social life of the American community. To mention but one: organized labor . . . When the knowledge of the amendment reaches them, the recall may have the sting of a whip. Man often courts trouble by trying to anticipate trouble. With the NAB the trouble may turn out to be self-inflicted."

Both "Variety" and the Cooperative League of the U. S. A. said that one of the main reasons for the new regulation was the broadcasters' futile efforts to bar a program by the cooperatives. Rejection of the program brought a storm of protests from organized labor and consumer groups, and final reluctant acceptance of it by most stations.

LITTLE LUTHER

"Well," said Mr. Dilworth, "I see that the Hearst corporation has again offered leadership to the people."

"Huh?" said Little Luther. "Yes," continued Mr. Dilworth, his voice filled with admiration. "I received a personal letter from Mr. Berlin, president of the company, himself."

"Direct from Berlin, eh, Pop?" "None of your remarks, Luther. Mr. Berlin is a very big man. He sees things so clearly. He understands the dangers of grade labeling just as he does . . . er . . . just as he does the dangers of . . ."

"President Roosevelt?" "Of course, Luther, of course. Very well put. You're learning, my lad. He wants me to write my congressman. Listen to this brilliant piece, Luther. Mr. Berlin says that grade labeling 'would destroy many and probably most of the great producing industries of the country.' Think of it, Luther! America destroyed!"

"By labeling a can of beans A, B, or C, Pop? I don't get it." "Mr. Berlin makes that all very clear, Luther. Like all Hearst executives he's a big brain."

"You spell that with a 'P,' Pop?" "Luther! You must learn, my boy, to respect the great leaders of this nation. Hearst is simply trying to awaken the American people to the dangers of a system which he says is like 'substituting numbers instead of names for the people themselves.' Tragic, Luther, tragic."

"But, Pop, how can you control prices if you can't tell whether a can of corn is good or bad quality? How can you stop charging grade A prices for grade C stuff?" "That, Luther, must be left to free enterprise."

"What's free about grade C peaches at 30 cents a can, Pop?" "Now, Luther, that's not the right attitude. After all, the canners have spent millions building up their brand names. Suppose the government only puts a grade C on one of those brands. What happens, Luther?"

"A damned can, with a slammed brand," said Luther, walking away.

"This story is going the rounds of union circles: A certain labor spy is so hated that when he dies his hearse will have a police escort."

Poles End Nazi Murderer, and Kill Quisling

The Moscow radio, in a Polish-language broadcast, said that Kurt Hoffman, director of the Warsaw "Labor Exchange," key Nazi slave labor recruiting organization, had been "sentenced to death" and killed by Polish patriots.

The broadcast, reported by OWI, said that a Polish Quisling, installed as a director in the Municipal Transit System so that he might inform the Nazis about the activities of transportation workers, also had been killed.

Samson was a piker; he killed only a thousand men with the jaw bone of an ass. Every hour in the day, ten thousand spies are killed with the same weapon.

Guess Who?

Dutch guerrillas, according to the OWI, are still operating in the island of Timor and publish their own newspaper marked "Made in Japan."

We know some daily newspapers in the United States that might well be marked "Made in Japan."

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SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meet every third Friday, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey. Pres. John Alsop, 308 19th St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec. F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., S. C., Ph. 1263.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO DRIVERS' UNION 287—Meets second Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, Monterey. W. Jenott, Sec.-Bus. Agt., 72 N. Second St., San Jose, Ballard 6316. For a representative of Monterey County call L. R. Carey, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, Phone 7590.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 943—C. R. McCloskey, President, Salinas; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Phone 859-J. Meets last Sunday of the month, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATER-PROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 1st Friday in Watsonville Labor Temple, 3rd Friday in Monterey Building Trades Hall at 8:00 p.m. Pres. Rufus Robinson, 200 Windham St., Santa Cruz; Sec. Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas; Phone 9668.

BOILERMAKERS NOW BOAST HALF MILLION; RECRUITS JOIN 20,000 PER MONTH

Washington, D. C. Organized labor's phenomenal growth since the defense program started was emphasized recently by the disclosure that membership rolls of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers have swept over the half-million mark.

"And we're still advancing at the rate of nearly 20,000 new members a month," Vice President Harry Nicholas revealed. "The bulk of the increase has been in shipbuilding, but we're making gratifying gains in other industries as well, including railroad shops."

Boilermakers' rosters are now by far the largest in history and are nearly triple the peak reached in the last World War, Nicholas said. The Brotherhood's rate of growth has been among the greatest of any union on the North American continent.

Women membership has also been climbing rapidly since the Brotherhood many months ago opened its ranks to the fair sex. Nicholas estimated that 25,000 women are now full-fledged members, the bulk in shipyards on the West Coast.

LAUDS AMERICAN PRODUCTION OF FINE EQUIPMENT FOR SIGNALMEN

Washington, D. C. Major General Dawson Olmstead, the United States Army's Chief Signal Officer, returned from an extensive tour of the African, Middle Eastern and China-Burma-India theaters with high praise for the battle performance of signal equipment made by American workers and with a warning that even more exacting tests lay ahead.

The high degree of security of U. S. troops from German air attack in North Africa and the effective results obtained there by Army fliers were due "in large measure to the wonderful job done by our Signal Corps air-raid warning equipment as well as to our superior air strength," the General reported.

"Use of American and British signal equipment gave excellent coverage in the North African operation," General Olmstead said on his return to Washington. "As soon after the landing as the necessary air-raid warning equipment could be placed in service, excellent results were obtained in spotting the enemy's planes while they were yet at great distances. This, of course, enabled our air forces to repel them before they got close to our installations with the result that our troops enjoyed a high degree of security from air attack."

British officers, General Olmstead said, paid special tribute to the quality of communications and signal equipment made in American factories. As an example, they cited the standard U. S. Army Signal Corps field telephone, which was frequently to be seen on the desks of British as well as American commanders.

Another much-praised instrument was the Signal Corps mobile field headquarters radio station, carried in one truck and trailer, which can transmit over long distances by Morse code or voice, whether the truck is standing still or in motion. Two of these American-made radio sets were used for the initial exchange of messages between General Montgomery and General Alexander, as the British Eighth and First Armies closed in from the east and west upon Tunisia.

FACT-FINDING GROUP SEES EXPLOITATION OF BOLIVIAN

A joint United States-Bolivian Commission investigating the working conditions of the tin miners of Bolivia has unanimously recommended major labor and economic reforms in Bolivia to curb exploitation of workers and to promote collective bargaining in that country.

First-hand analysis of conditions in Bolivia, the Commission reported, revealed the prevalence of monopolies, low wages, and conditions of health, housing, and sanitation perpetuated by social relationships of an almost feudal pattern. It pointed out that the specific conditions which it found in its visits to mines, farms, and factories should be judged against the background of the general standards of living prevailing in the country.

The report said: "In terms of purchasing power, low wages are the rule rather than the exception. There is a widespread insufficiency of medical, dental, hospital and nursing care. There is an acute shortage of housing, and workers' homes generally are forlorn, overcrowded, unhygienic, and lacking in elementary sanitary facilities. This is true even in the principal cities." The report stated that "there is almost a total absence of the kind of straightforward collective bargaining that is an accepted feature of life in modern democratic communities."

According to the Commission, 75 per cent of Bolivia's population is illiterate, three quarters of the pupils in Bolivian schools have no chairs or desks, child labor is prevalent, "every year from 8 to 9 per cent of the miners are incapacitated permanently by occupational diseases, primarily silicosis," and undernourishment has led to the universal practice of chewing coca leaves which are said to "quiet hunger pains and temporarily stimulate energy."

The American members of the group who recently returned to the U.S.A. were: Calvert Magruder, U. S. Circuit Court Judge.

Robert J. Watt, American Federation of Labor.

Martin Kyne, Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Charles R. Hook, Jr., Assistant to the President of the Rustless Iron and Steel Corporation.

Alfred Giardino, Dept. of Labor.

Robert E. Mathews, Board of Economic Warfare.

Among the recommendations of the Commission are the improvement of education, health, working conditions, wages, social insurance and collective bargaining. The report stressed the fact that "the best assurance that the workers will receive a fair deal is a well organized labor movement under responsible leadership."

(1) "Any employee who, prior to taking his vacation in any year, dies, quits or is laid off and not recalled before October, shall have the number of his vacation days calculated on the basis of the number of hours he worked between September 30 of the previous year and the date of his death, quitting or lay-off."

(2) "If, in the interests of war production, it is found by the company and the union or by an impartial umpire to be impractical to grant vacations, all employees shall waive their rights to take the vacation period to which they may be entitled, and in lieu thereof shall receive their full vacation pay on September 30 of the then current year."

The employer members of the Commission objected to allowing vacation pay to employees who voluntarily leave the company, and also to allowing the union or an arbitrator to have any part in making a decision about vacations. "The determination concerning the impracticability of granting vacations should be a question to be decided by the company alone..." the industry opinion asserted.

UNION MEN IN TRENCHES

Union men are not only helping to win the war on the production front, but they are marching at a record rate into the armed forces of the United States and Canada. The Boilermakers' Union revealed that 20,000 members have received service cards exonerating them from dues payment and safeguarding their insurance rights while they are in the fighting ranks. At least several thousand others are known to be in service, but have so far failed to apply for cards.

Similar showings are reported by many other unions. President Harvey W. Brown of the Machinists estimated that I. A. of M. members who have replaced overalls with uniforms are now over the 40,000 mark and the number is mounting rapidly.

All unions free their soldier members from dues payment, protect their rights, preserve their job seniority and in other ways safeguard the home front for their return. In most instances union agreements with employers contain clauses guaranteeing the restoration of the "doughboys" to their old seniority standing.

SHIPBUILDING FIRM ORDERED TO PROVIDE MEN WITH VACATIONS

Washington, Delaware The American Car and Foundry Company has been ordered by the NWLB's Shipbuilding Commission to make provisions for vacations in its contract with the IUMSWA. About 1100 workers are covered by the contract which applies to the shipyard of the Company. Vacation periods are to range from one day's paid leave for 600 hours worked to 5 days for 1,600 hours worked.

Two further provisions were ordered by the Commission with industry members dissenting:

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New Cars Bought

New passenger autos rationed to buyers from March 2, 1942, to March 1, 1943, totaled 305,876 cars.

HELPING HANDS



—Official OWI photo, issued by WPB Labor Press Service.

Elmer K. Brown and Flossie Anson of the United Rubber Workers (CIO) in Akron, Ohio, pictured above with a rubber life raft, built one of the two rafts on which Capt. William T. Cherry of the AFL Air Line Pilots and Corp. John Bartek of the CIO Textile Workers drifted for 5 weeks with Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. Robert S. Barnhart and Mrs. May E. Thompson, also URW members, built the other life raft.

POEM OF THE WEEK

The Fellow Who Couldn't Go

By BERNARD BENNETT

There's many a poem that's been written,
There's many a sonnet sung,
Of the soldiers, sailor and fighting marine
And the battles they have won.

But it's very seldom you ever hear
Of the fellow who couldn't go
Because of the work he was doing
Or a crippled leg that meant no.

He's as much a part of our Army
As the boy that fires the gun,
He answers the cry of battle
With the work that must be done.

He'll never win any medals,
For valor or brave deeds done.
But when the supplies are needed,
You can count on him as the one.

A wrench is his weapon of freedom,
His torch but a welder's arc
He's in there fighting each minute
He knows that he's doing his part.

A plow takes the place of a rumbling tank,
The hoe in his hand is his sword;
The cry of a conquering hero
Is a silent prayer to God.

This is the way he serves you,
And after the battle is won
You'll never hear of the work he did,
No song about him will be sung.

Bands will be played and flags will fly,
And honors will go to the rest.
But the fellow who had to stay behind,
Knows that he, too, gave his very best.

He knows that he, too, won the battle,
He, too, gave the battle cry.
For without him no bands would be playing,
Without him no flag could fly.

Keep your medals of gold and silver,
He asks for neither of these,
His reward is the love for his country
And a flag that is flying free.

They called, and like a soldier he answered,
Not once did he fail or say, "No."
But never a sonnet or song will be sung,
Of the fellow who couldn't go.

TESTED RECIPES

— for —

UNION HOME MAKERS

(Union housewives—and men who pride themselves in cooking—are asked to send favorite tested recipes to RECIPE EDITOR, 5823 Occidental St., Oakland. Be sure to give name, address and union).

Food Bargains

Recent reductions in point values for canned, bottled soups and dried, frozen fruits and the placing of blackeyed peas on the ration free list provides an opportunity to secure some good food values at point value bargain rates.

Tomato soup, which provides both Vitamin A and C is one point lower than other soups that contain little, if any, Vitamin C. The point value on tomato soup has been cut in half on the popular 10½ ounce size.

Tomato soup can be carried in a vacuum bottle for packed lunches as well as served for lunches and dinners at home. If fresh, canned or dried milk is added to the canned tomato soup, it increases its food value.

It is important to remember in using any of the frozen fruits or vegetables that if they are left in room temperature for more than ½ hour they lose nearly all their Vitamin C value. If frozen foods are used, the best method of preparation is to put them into hot water for a short time as possible and then eat them immediately.

Food bargains among the frozen vegetables whose point values have been reduced include: peas, lima beans, green and wax beans, asparagus and corn. These have been reduced from 13 points a pound to 6 points a pound. Nutritionists rate peas highest in food values on the list. Frozen baked beans in one pound containers have also been reduced to 4 points. This is one-half the former point value for this meat alternate. It is important, however, to use as many fresh vegetables and fresh fruits as possible and use ration points only for such fruits and vegetables as can be obtained only in processed form.

Blackeyed peas, sometimes called blackeyed beans or cow peas, now require no ration stamps for their purchase. The blackeyed peas are especially popular throughout the Southern States. Several varieties of blackeyed peas are highly perishable in warm weather, so it is important for the purchaser of these peas to secure only amounts that can be utilized without waste. Blackeyed peas are a source of some protein, and useful as a meat alternate.

OPA Urging Canteen Food Service for War Factory

Washington, D. C.

Immediate initiation of a "National Emergency Canteen Service" to provide eating facilities in all plants employing 250 or more workers, where commercial eating facilities are inadequate to meet the need, is demanded by the OPA Labor Policy in a special memorandum to Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes.

Workers who perform unusually hard jobs should have an adequate allowance of proper food, the Policy Committee message stated, and suggested that extra food allowances be granted industrial eating establishments or selected community restaurants rather than extra coupons furnished the individual consumer on the basis of occupation.

Full text of the memorandum, signed by Boris Shishkin, Research Director, A. F. of L.; Dr. J. Raymond Walsh, Research Director, CIO; and Julius G. Luhrs, Executive Secretary, Railway Labor Executive's Association, follows:

"It is of primary importance that provision be made for an adequate allowance of the proper foodstuffs for industrial workers. Any scheme for providing extra allowances of foods for special groups of workers, such as those employed in heavy industries which is not predicated upon an adequate allowance of the proper foods to all workers will be met with considerable antagonism by labor; and may serve to affect the morale of most workers adversely.

"It is recognized that workers who perform unusually hard work, or who live and work under conditions where they can have access to only limited varieties of foods, may need extra allowances of some rationed foods. Labor favors special considerations for such workers, provided that workers in general receive proper recognition of their food requirements.

URGE EXTRA ALLOWANCES

"The major portion of the problem can be met by providing extra allowances to industrial eating establishments, or selected community restaurants rather than by special ration allowances in the form of extra ration coupons furnished to the individual consumer on the basis of occupation.

"Therefore, the OPA Labor Policy Committee demands the immediate initiation of a National Emergency Canteen Service to provide eating facilities in all industrial plants in the United States employing 250 or more workers and to provide community eating facilities in those areas where present commercial establishments are inadequate to meet the need."

Declare Machine Tools Used Only 65% of Capacity

Washington, D. C. Machine tools in the country are being utilized to little more than 65 per cent of capacity, it is claimed by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, who presented a concrete program for conversion of the industry to direct war work.

Cancellation of all unfilled orders for machine tools where such tools are not vitally needed is called for by the program, which was presented to Deputy Administrator C. E. Wilson of WPB. The program was delivered at a recent conference in Washington of union representatives from machine tool plants over the country.

Lack of planning has resulted in certain critical machine tool components running seriously behind schedule. Some producers have a great backlog of orders for a certain critical tool; others have small, or no, orders for the same tool, the union claims.

Re-allocation of all existing orders, development of a coordinated plan for conversion and a survey of manpower utilization and development of an intensive program for training and upgrading workers, were parts of the union's program.

Group Defends Right Of Women to Stay in Positions After War

Washington, D. C.

A warning against the wholesale ouster of women workers after the war is sounded by the Women's Advisory Committee of the War Manpower Commission.

"Those who wish to stay in the labor market should not be accused of taking men's jobs," the committee said. "The right of the individual woman to work must be recognized and provided for, as much as the right of the individual man to work."

OPA TO 'GET TOUGH' WITH 'GOOD TIME' GAS USERS

Washington, D. C.

The Office of Price Administration is preparing to "crack down" in vigorous fashion on automobile owners who use precious gasoline to visit golf courses, race tracks and night "hot spots." It disclosed that all but essential driving is to be banned, and warned violators of the regulations they will be rounded up and prosecuted. Hundreds of drivers throughout the country have already been fined or deprived of their gas ration coupons.

The O. P. A. officials insist that the "honor" system has been a dismal failure in discouraging unnecessary driving. In some sections of the country highway traffic is virtually back to peacetime volume.

Meanwhile, it is said, farmers have been unable to obtain fuel for tractors and have been unable to meet their planting quotas.

The problem is complicated by the fact that bootleg gasoline can be had without the slightest difficulty. In Washington books of "T" coupons are obtainable at a standard price of \$3.50. There has been some counterfeiting, but the bulk of the illegal coupons, it is charged, are supplied the black market by rationing officials or employees. The New York "Herald-Tribune" quoted an O. P. A. official as saying that "hundreds of millions" of gallons of gasoline have been obtained illegally in Eastern states as a result of the tieup between rationing boards and racketeers.

SALINAS UNION DIRECTORY

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PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPERHANGERS UNION, LOCAL No. 1104: Meets first and third Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m. Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St.; Pres., C. W. Rickman; Rec. and Fin. Sec., D. H. Hartman, 1333 First Ave., Salinas; office at Labor Temple, Phone Salinas 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503: Meets second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Al Everly; Rec. Sec., Phil Prater; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Louis Jenkins, office at Labor Temple. (Exec. Bd., meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.)

POSTAL CARRIERS UNION, LOCAL No. 1040: Meets every third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 30 Towt St., Salinas; E. L. Sieber, Sec., Phone 2944R, P. O. Box 25; Lester Pierce, Pres., Salinas.

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SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS UNION NO. 20616—President, Les Hutchings; Secty., E. M. Jones, 21-A Homestead, Salinas. Meets in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 P. M.

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Watch That Grub!

Your central labor union should immediately set up a Nutrition Committee to see that all members, especially those in heavy work, are getting adequate food with ample meat for their noon meal.

In many cases there is no adequate restaurant near the plant. Take this matter up with the management and, if possible, have one established to serve the workers at cost. Or, if there is a consumer's co-operative in your town, see if they can help you set up a co-operative restaurant to supply meals at a fair price.

In all restaurants serving union members, watch for three things: (1) Sanitary conditions, (2) Fresh wholesome food and (3) Menus providing balanced diet of meats, potatoes or starchy foods, greens and vitamins in ample quantities.

We hear complaints that workers are not getting enough food to keep up production.

See that your members get proper midday meals.

If you have any difficulty, notify the Washington headquarters of the American Federation of Labor at once. They can give you immediate help.

Al Capone on Reds

"We must keep America whole and safe and unspooled. We must keep the worker away from Red literature and Red ruses; we must see that his mind remains healthy." —AL CAPONE, Bootlegger, Rum-Runner, Thug, Murderer, Income-Tax Evader and Conviert.

POSTAL ODDITIES



IN EARLY DAYS, SHIPMASTERS, ABOUT TO SAIL FROM ENGLAND OR AMERICA, HUNG A BAG IN SOME TAVERN WHERE LETTERS FOR THE OTHER SIDE WERE DEPOSITED! DRAWN BY JIM BAKER

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"HE FORGOT"

He brushed his teeth twice a day.
The doctor examined him twice a year.
He wore rubbers when it rained.
He slept with the windows open.
He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.
He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn out glands.
He golfed, but never more than 18 holes.
He never smoked, drank, or lost his temper.
He did his daily dozen daily.
He got at least eight hours sleep every night.
The funeral will be held next Wednesday.
He had forgotten about trains at grade crossings!

Toot the Old Bazo

If you wish in this world to advance, Your merits you're bound to enhance; You must stir it and stomp it. And blow your own trumpet. Or trust me, you haven't a chance. —W. S. GILBERT

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